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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

18       COMES NOW the plaintiff, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen  
19       P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and Rebekah W. Young, Assistant United States Attorney, and  
20       hereby files its Motion for Fingerprint Exemplars and Reciprocal Discovery. This Response is based  
21       upon the files and records of the case together with the attached Statement of the Case and  
22       Memorandum of Points and Authorities.

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## **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

On December 5, 2007, a federal grand jury in the Southern District of California returned a two-count Indictment charging defendant Victor Serrano ("Defendant") with Attempted Entry After Deportation, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §1326(a) and (b) and Misuse of Passport, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1544. On December 6, 2007, Defendant was arraigned on the Indictment and entered a plea of not guilty.

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## GOVERNMENT'S MOTION FOR FINGERPRINT EXEMPLARS

10 Part of the Government's burden of proof in this case is to satisfy the jury that the Defendant  
11 is the same individual who was deported from the United States to Mexico. To make that showing, the  
12 Government will call an expert in fingerprint identification to testify that the Defendant is in fact the  
13 individual whose fingerprints appear on the warrant of deportation or removal. The most efficient and  
14 conclusive manner of establishing this information is to permit the expert witness himself to take a set  
15 of Defendant's fingerprints for comparison. Defendant's fingerprints are not testimonial evidence. See  
16 Schmerber v. California, 384 U.S. 757 (1966). Using identifying physical characteristics, such as  
17 fingerprints, does not violate Defendant's Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. United  
18 States v. DePalma, 414 F.2d 394, 397 (9th Cir. 1969); Woods v. United States, 397 F.2d 156 (9th Cir.  
19 1968); see also United States v. St. Onge, 676 F. Supp. 1041, 1043 (D. Mont. 1987). Thus, the  
20 Government respectfully requests that the Court order that Defendant make himself available for  
21 fingerprinting by the Government's fingerprint expert.

III

## GOVERNMENT'S MOTION FOR RECIPROCAL DISCOVERY

**A. All Evidence That Defendant Intends To Introduce In His Case-In-Chief**

The Government is entitled to reciprocal discovery under Rule 16(b)(1). Pursuant to Rule 16(b)(1), the Government requests that Defendant permit the Government to inspect, copy and photograph any and all books, papers, documents, photographs, tangible objects, or make copies or

1 portions thereof, which are within the possession, custody, or control of Defendant and which Defendant  
2 intends to introduce as evidence in his case-in-chief at trial.

3           The Government further requests that it be permitted to inspect and copy or photograph any  
4 results or reports of physical or mental examinations and of scientific tests or experiments made in  
5 connection with this case, which are in the possession and control of Defendant, which he intends to  
6 introduce as evidence-in-chief at the trial, or which were prepared by a witness whom Defendant intends  
7 to call as a witness. The Government also requests that the Court make such order as it deems necessary  
8 under Rules 16(d)(1) and (2) to ensure that the Government receives the reciprocal discovery to which  
9 it is entitled.

**0 B. Reciprocal Jencks – Statements By Defense Witnesses (Other Than Defendant)**

1 Rule 26.2 provides for the reciprocal production of Jencks material. Rule 26.2 requires  
2 production of the prior statements of all witnesses, except a statement made by Defendant. The time  
3 frame established by Rule 26.2 requires the statements to be provided to the Government after the  
4 witness has testified. However, to expedite trial proceedings, the Government hereby requests that  
5 Defendant be ordered to provide all prior statements of defense witnesses by a reasonable date before  
6 trial to be set by the Court. Such an order should include any form in which these statements are  
7 memorialized, including but not limited to, tape recordings, handwritten or typed notes and reports.

IV

## CONCLUSION

20 For the foregoing reasons, the Government respectfully requests that its motions for fingerprint  
21 exemplars and reciprocal discovery be granted.

23 DATED: January 6, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

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/s/ **Rebekah W. Young**  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) Criminal Case No. 07CR3277-BTM  
Plaintiff, )  
v. )  
VICTOR SERRANO, ) CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
Defendant. )

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:**

I, REBEKAH W. YOUNG, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen years of age. My business address is 880 Front Street, Room 6293, San Diego, California 92101-8893.

I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of **GOVERNMENT'S MOTION FOR FINGERPRINT EXEMPLARS AND RECIPROCAL DISCOVERY** on the following parties by electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the District Court using its ECF System, which electronically notifies them.

## 1. Zandra Lopez

I hereby certify that I have caused to be mailed the foregoing, by the United States Postal Service, to the following non-ECF participants on this case:

None

the last known address, at which place there is delivery service of mail from the United States Postal Service.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on January 6, 2008.

/s/ **Rebekah W. Young**  
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